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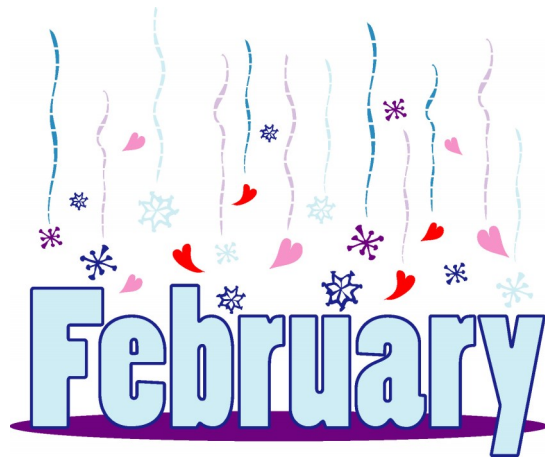
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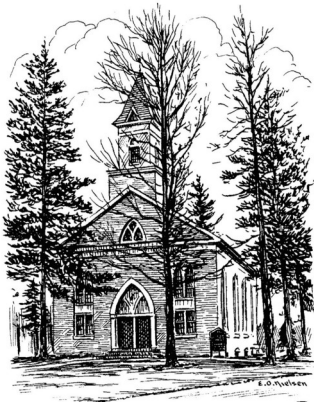
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FEBRUARY
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Pastor's Message:

Dear Evangel Family,

Where did January go? Time is just flying by. We no sooner finished the holidays, than we were taking time off for rain and snowstorms, and now we are at the beginning of February and the beginning of another Lenten season. Yes, that is what I meant to type - the **BEGINNING OF LENT**. This is one of those years when Easter will be very early - March 31st.

[NOTE: Just a reminder how the date of Easter is determined. Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox (that is the day of equal amounts of daylight and darkness). The Spring Equinox is March 19, and the full moon is March 25 making the 31st the date of Easter.]

Once we find the date of Easter, we count backward 40 days for Lent to find Ash Wednesday.

[NOTE: If you have your calendar out and you are counting back those forty days you don't land on a Wednesday - you landed on Tuesday, February 20th. The reason is that when you count back you don't count Sundays as they are not days of Lenten contemplation and sacrifice. Because every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection, Sundays don't count as part of Lent, and that is how we get back to February 14th as Ash Wednesday this year.]

Lent is a season of preparation as we focus on the journey of Jesus, which lead him to the cross on our behalf. The tradition of Lent is to amend our behavior with sacrificial actions, like giving up chocolate, or other things which are not good for us. While it isn't a bad idea to change our pattern of life by trying to get rid of bad habits, we miss the whole point if we simply intend to take up the bad habit after Easter. If you want to give something up for Lent, make it something you want to live without forever. So, if giving up something isn't your thing, then why not try and add something to your life pattern, such as attend worship every week, find a neighbor who needs help, find a service organization that needs volunteers, just look around, there are always things to be done to help others.

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Pastor's Message (Continued from page 2):

One way that the church tries to help us focus in this penitential season, we offer several special services for your participation. As I've already said, Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14th. While this day will be called Valentines' Day by many, this year our hearts greatest love will be focused on God's great gift of love - Jesus Christ. We will celebrate his gift of death on the cross for us by offering the imposition of Ashes and Communion at our Ash Wednesday Services. Also this year we will be offering two services. The first will be at 12:30 PM. This service will be a little different in that there will be no music, and the service itself will be geared to children as we are hoping that a few of our Care-a-lot families might join us. At 7:00 in the evening we will have our traditional service of Communion and the imposition of Ashes.

The next five Wednesdays in Lent will be joint devotional events with the churches of PALM. The entire schedule is on a separate page in the newsletter. We here at Durham will be the first host church on Wednesday, February 21st. It will begin with a Soup Supper at 6:00 PM, then the devotion times will begin at 6:45 PM. The theme of our devotions will be "Change". I hope you come and join us each week.

Lent concludes with Holy Week which we will be observing with a special service of Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, and then on Good Friday we will be joining Trinity, Pleasant Valley for a service. At the time of my writing, our Easter schedule is still up in the air, so stay tuned.

I look forward to taking our Lenten journey together this year.

See you on the journey.

Pastor Jim Heckman

Pastor of Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

February, The Stirring Within



Winter

February tries it's darnedest to turn us all into doubters, when will the string of dreary days end? The cold, the snow, the damp seeps into our souls somehow. but dial up your faith, fellow church members!! Look around and see, pay very close attention. Just when you think you will never see a daffodil or crocus, the cardinal starts belting out his morning song, and he's all but saying "look at me, do not despair, there is reason to hope". The sun is getting stronger every day!

In February, our Jewish brothers and sisters celebrate Tu B'Shevat or the festival of the trees, and this is said to be the day when God decides how bountiful the fruit of each tree will be in the coming year. And personally, it's February when I start thinking "I can make it through this winter if only there are peaches in July." In Israel, it's where the almond trees bloom with clouds of white flowers, the first blossom of spring. The rhythms of heaven and earth unfold according to Divine ordination, what a blessing!!!

So pay attention to the red bird of courage, spring is coming in God's own time, but like every year, it is coming!!

Linda Sauter

PRAYER



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Frank Erceg; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Bethany Michl; Wes Simmons; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Frank Allebach; Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Bob Benoure; Jason Bigley; Deb Carmichael; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Leon Errico; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Gabriella Froehlich; Debbie Gardner; Cindy Gilligan; Candie Gimbar; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Sue Kiry; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Bethany Michl; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Laura Sheetz; Shawn Stadt; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Jacqueline Ward; Regina Ward; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

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gan; Candie Gimbar; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Sue Kiry; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Bethany Michl; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Laura Sheetz; Shawn Stadt; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Jacqueline Ward; Regina Ward; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Frank Mammana; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Jean Pratt

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at: PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Thursday, February 1	10:00 AM - 11:00 PM 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Choir rehearsal Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Sunday, February 4 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	10:00 AM After worship 5:00 PM	Communion Worship Altar guild Reverse Advent PALM Potluck @ St. Peter's, Riegelsville.
Monday, February 5	7:00 PM	VBS Planning @ Trinity, Pleasant Valley
Wednesday, February 7	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM 11:00 AM - 11:15 PM 12:00 PM	Office Hours Care -A-Lot Visit Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
Thursday, February 8	10:00 AM - 11:00 PM 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Choir rehearsal Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Friday, February 9	10:00 AM	WELCA

FEBRUARY EVENTS (CONTINUED)

Sunday, February 11 Transfiguration of Our Lord	10:00 AM	Communion Worship
Monday, February 12	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 13	6:30 PM	Shrove Tuesday Potluck dinner in the Fellowship hall.
Wednesday, February 14	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM 11:00 AM - 11:15 PM 12:00 PM 7:00 PM	Office Hours Care -A-Lot Visit Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Ash Wednesday Worship
Thursday, February 15	10:00 AM - 11:00 PM 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Choir rehearsal Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Sunday, February 18 First Sunday in Lent	10:00 AM 5:30 PM	Communion Worship Confirmation Class @ Trinity
Wednesday, February 21	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM 11:00 AM - 11:15 PM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:45 PM	Office Hours Care -A-Lot Visit Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim PALM Midweek Gathering Change of Season @ Evangelical, Durham Soup Supper Devotion
Thursday, February 22	10:00 AM - 11:00 PM 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM 7:00 PM	Choir rehearsal Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's UB Conference Exec Comm.
Sunday, February 25 Second Sunday in Lent	10:00 AM After Worship	Communion Worship Annual Congregational Meeting (Snow Date March 3)
Wednesday, February 28	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM 11:00 AM - 11:15 PM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:45 PM	Office Hours Care -A-Lot Visit Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim PALM Midweek Gathering Change of Habit @ St. Peter's, Riegelsville Soup Supper Devotion
Thursday, February 29	10:00 AM - 11:00 PM 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Choir rehearsal Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's

Women of the ELCA

Our Jan. 12th meeting dealt mainly with soup details. We did not have a program as our attendees had scheduling conflicts.

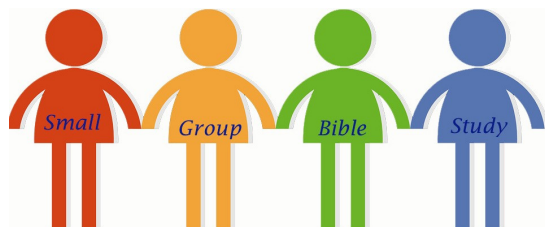
Our next meeting will be Friday February 9th at 10 am at the home of Kathy Hlavaty. Our program will be the Gather Magazine Bible Study, Crafted in Christ, which uses quilting as examples. Kathy will supply quilts to examine the examples used in the study. We will discuss our plan to host an Upper Bucks Conference gathering at Durham and other plans and hopes for the coming year.

After our meeting those who wish will have lunch together.



Soup Sale: Our Jan. 19th soup sale was snowed out. We will be making and selling vegetable beef, vegetable and cream of potato soup in

February on Friday Feb. 19th with a bad weather date of Feb 27. We decided to do take out only. We will begin preparing vegetables around 9 am, and begin selling soup around 3 pm. We will finish at 6 pm.



Bible Study: The Adult Bible study meets on Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 at the home of Kathy and Joe Hlavaty. We are studying the Book of Genesis. We invite you to join us.

Helen Dungan

Outreach

Food banks: Thanks to all who contributed to our Reverse Advent collections; and to Miriam Anderson who orchestrated the delivery of the items collected to our two food banks.

For February, we are collecting laundry detergent and shampoo and snacks for the Upper Bucks foodbank. We are filling in a hole at Easton and are collecting cereal and canned fruits – not apple sauce. Their food supplier didn't have these items to give them. Please when you come to worship, bring something to share. Place it on the window sills.

You can also sign up to donate a basket in memory or honor of a loved one.

ALLENTOWN RESCUE MISSION

Outreach envelope: Our Outreach envelopes for February have been designated to go to the Allentown Rescue Mission. The Mission provides meals, shelter, medical care, and other services to help homeless men beat their addictions, get permanent jobs and homes.

Palisades Area Lutheran Ministries

Reverse Advent - food collection was as success this year we collected 25 "boxes" (Box = 1 set of items)

- ♦ 352 pounds delivered to the Lord's Panty
- ♦ 395 pounds delivered to ProJeCt Easton
- ♦ 747 pounds total.

Thanks be to God for the generosity that is a defining attribute of Evangelical Durham.

Pot Luck We are having a celebration dinner at St Peters at 5:00 PM on February 4th. Use the sign up sheet in the Narthex or contact the church office.

Upper Bucks Conference



Fastnacht's: Little Zion, Telford is selling Fastnacht's to benefit Bear Creek Camp camperships. Cost is 9\$ per dozen or \$5 pe half - dozen. The order deadline is February 7th and pick-up is on February 12-13. Call 325-723-7404 to order.



Iron Pigs: Save the date for the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs game on Sunday, June 23 at 1:35 PM! Tickets are just \$30. per person. We reserved the Picnic Patio, with an unlimited buffet for 2.5 hours and unlimited soft drinks until the middle of the 8th inning (see flyer on Page 9). There is a signup sheet in the Narthex. Sign up is due in by the end of January. There may be additional seats available, stay tuned!



February 2024 Worship Assistants

Altar Guild			Kris Simmons & Linda Sauter		
Communion / Counting Team			Karen Beerer & Cathy Mueller		
Date	Service	Greeter(s)	Lector	Head Usher	Acolyte
2/4	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany			Mark Harwick	
2/11	Transfiguration of our Lord			Mark Harwick	
2/14 AM	Ash Wednesday				
2/14 PM	Ash Wednesday			Mark Harwick	
2/18	First Sunday in Lent			Mark Harwick	
2/25	Second Sunday in Lent	Wagner Family	Kathryn Wagner	Mark Harwick	Colton

We still need more Worship Assistants!

Reminder, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board, please sign up there, or send an email with the role and date to evangel@durhamlutheran.org to be added to the list.

Care-A-Lot News:

Care-A-Lot celebrated the end of January with a pj day. Wishing everyone a warm and safe February.

Something to Celebrate!

FEBRUARY

	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
2	Amanda Frey		
3	Sam Rhine		
4			Laura DeWalt
5	Laura Helfrich		
7	Dianna Streletz		
8	Diane DeWalt		
9			Anderson Fox, Serena Ashmore
10	Wayne Mesko		
12	Steven Streletz		Haley Rodd
13	Miriam Anderson		
15	Norma Fox		
16	Kathy Haney		
19			Kathleen Miller
20	Esther Crouse		
21	Caitlin Pyne		
22			Benjamin Miller
23		Victoria & Adam Phillips (22)	
24	Frank Moskella, Jim Beerer		
26			Tom Gaun, Doug Litzenberger
27	Tanya Naska		
28	Grace Litzenberger, Rowan Froehlich		Nicole Crouse
29	Becky Harrison		

“CHANGE”

PALISADES AREA LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

MID-WEEK LENTEN GATHERINGS



Schedule:

6:00 PM Soup Supper ♦ 6:45 PM Devotion

Date	Theme	Location
February 21 st	Change of Season	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham 821 Durham Road, Durham 610-346-8500
February 28 th	Change of Habit	St. Peter's Lutheran Church 305 Delaware Road, Riegelsville 610-749-0830
March 6 th	Change of Circumstances	Trinity Lutheran Church 2170 Route 212, Pleasant Valley (Coopersburg) 610-346-7282
March 13 th	Change of Heart	Upper Tinicum Lutheran Church 188 Upper Tinicum Church Road, Upper Black Eddy 610-294-9391
March 20 th	Change of Plans	St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church 470 Church Hill Road, Ferndale 610-847-5630



Please call the church if you need directions.

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US AND BRING A FRIEND OR TWO.

ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH

Fun Page

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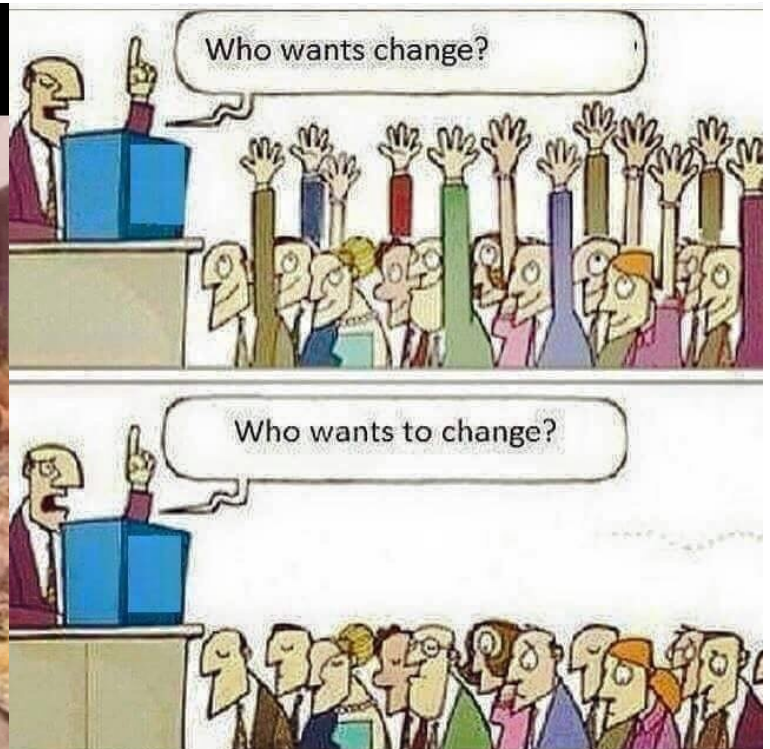
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Presumed dead



Ash	Holy Week	Palm Branch
Wednesday	Holy Thursday	Forty Days
Sacrifice	Good Friday	Jesus
Almsgiving	Holy Saturday	Passover
Prayer	Easter	Foot Washing
Fasting	Palm Sunday	Resurrection
Lent	Purple	Love



IF CHURCH LADIES WERE IN CHARGE OF THE LAST SUPPER



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